

US 29 North Corridor Advisory Committee Breakout Meeting

Montgomery County **RAPID TRANSIT**

BRT CORRIDOR STUDIES

Executive Office Building
Rockville, Maryland
February 21, 2015



Welcome & Introductions

Study Team members:

- Alan Straus - Facilitator
- Lauren Garrett & Kelly Stoll - Facilitation Assistants
- Andrew Bing - Public Outreach & Facilitation Lead
- Jamaica Arnold - SHA Project Manager
- Joana Conklin - County RTS Program Manager
- Brian Lange - Consultant Project Manager
- Josh Crunkleton - Consultant Project Engineer

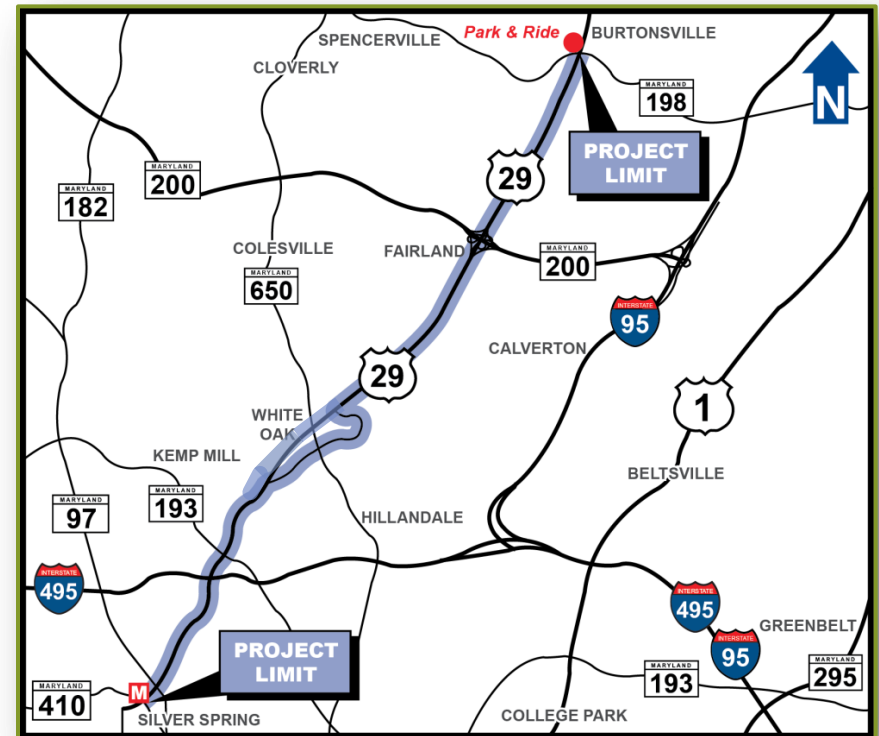
CAC Member Introductions

Members, please share:

- Your name
- Your affiliation (Residential, Business, etc.)
- Something you learned during the General Session
(notes from index card)

Study Area Overview

- 12-mile corridor has mix of four-to-six lane divided and undivided sections
- There are 25 signalized intersections and six grade separated interchanges
- US 29 North of MD 650 is urban freeway with posted speeds 45 to 55 mph
- US 29 South of MD 650 is urban arterial with posted speeds 30 to 35 mph
- Existing WMATA Metrobus & County Ride-On bus services



Map Activity

Using the numbered stickers, show on the map those transportation-related elements that affect you and members of your community:

- Areas of congestion
- Transit Stops you use/would use
- Locations of safety concerns
- Mobility needs

Mission Statement

The MD 355, MD 586 and US 29 Corridor Advisory Committees will:

- Give community participants the opportunity to provide input to all planning and design
- Provide the opportunity to discuss study assumptions and methodologies
- Fulfill County Council requirements for transparency and community involvement
- Provide the opportunity for interaction and information-sharing among impacted residents/communities, property owners of businesses/institutions, transportation agency representatives, and transportation system users
- Study and discuss potential community impacts in a comprehensive manner that supports cost-effective and context- and community- sensitive implementation outcomes
- Serve as a clearinghouse for sharing of timely and accurate information on the studies and plans in each corridor
- Share information from the CAC meetings with the community groups that you represent and share input received from them during subsequent CAC meetings
- Provide leadership and build consensus within the community to coalesce diverse interests and address stakeholder issues

Ground Rules

How we treat each other:

- Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions
- All concerns and issues should be raised during the CAC meetings
- Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
- We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own
- Disagreements will be explored not suppressed. In some instances, however, disagreements may be discussed outside of meetings so that we are not distracted from achieving the purpose of the meetings.
- We will be courteous when addressing other members, staff and consultants
- We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff or consultants
- We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion
- The CAC facilitator is responsible for running the meeting and covering each agenda item; please respect their approach and partner with them to ensure the best and most productive meeting environment

Ground Rules

How we provide feedback and how the feedback will be used:

- The CAC is an advisory group; not a decision-making group
- The CAC will not take votes; but rather provide input/feedback
- Information will be presented to the CAC and the project team will seek input/feedback from the CAC members
- The project team will summarize the input/feedback provided by the CAC and publish the meeting summary on the project website
- Information will not be repeated from one meeting to the next; if a CAC member misses a meeting it is his/her responsibility to review information from that meeting and/or speak with the CAC facilitator to stay up to date
- Members may designate an alternate to attend and participate in discussions in his or her absence
- Non-members may attend meetings as observers. However, non-members will not participate in the meetings. If there is time available at the end of meetings the facilitator may allow comments from members of the public in attendance.

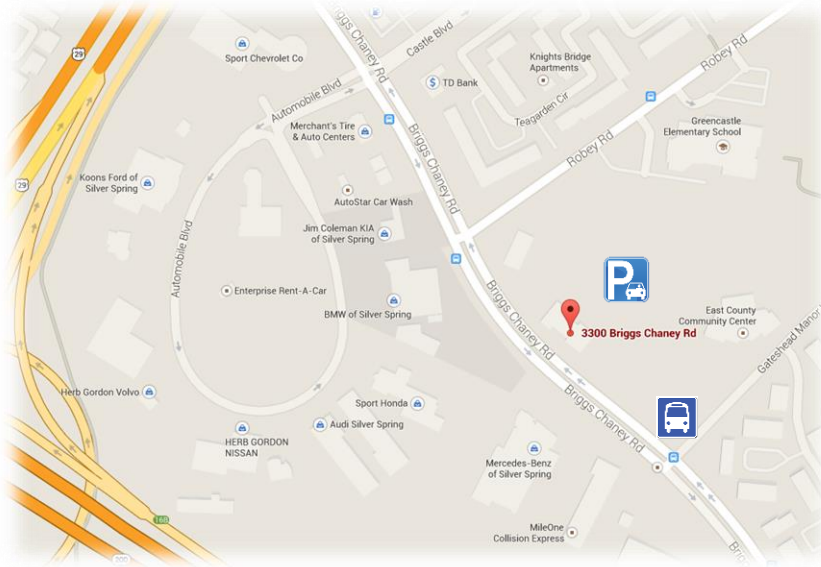
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How we communicate with those outside the CAC:

- It is expected that CAC members will share information with other stakeholders and be a liaison between the CAC and the constituency they represent
- When speaking about the work of the CAC outside of meetings, CAC members are speaking for themselves only
- Draft materials shared by and among members, staff and consultants shall be treated as working papers

Future Meeting Schedule & Logistics

- Next Meeting: March 26, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center



3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904



Accessible Via WMATA Routes Z6,
Z8, and Z11 (note Z11 does not
run past 8pm)



Parking Available On-Site

Feedback Form

Please fill out the provided feedback form:

- You may return the completed form to a member of Study Team today; or
- You may scan and email the form to your facilitation team at Lauren.Garrett@aecom.com; or
- You may mail your form to:

Lauren Garrett, AECOM
430 National Business Parkway, Suite 400
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Closing Comments

- Questions
- Suggestions for next meeting and moving forward
- Additional questions, please contact Alan Straus at Alan.Straus@aecom.com or 410-891-9274

Adjournment

- Thank you for participating in the Montgomery County Rapid Transit System Corridor Advisory Committee for the US 29 BRT Corridor Study
- We look forward to receiving your input as we evaluate Bus Rapid Transit options along the US 29 Corridor